1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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LETTER DATED 20 APRIL 1995 FROM THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS AND HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF MEXICO, ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE 1995 REVIEW AND EXTENSION CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a working paper which my delegation proposes should be annexed to whatever decision is adopted on the extension of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

I should be grateful if you would have the text circulated as a working paper of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

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Annex

MEXICO: WORKING PAPER TO BE ANNEXED TO WHATEVER DECISION IS TAKEN ON THE EXTENSION OF THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

1. Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty

1. The States Parties undertake to make every effort to ensure that the Conference on Disarmament concludes a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty as soon as possible, but in any case not later than 1996.

2. At the same time, nuclear-weapon States are urged to maintain or adopt, without any exception, a moratorium on nuclear testing until the treaty enters into force.

2. Fissionable material

3. The Conference on Disarmament is urged to initiate as soon as possible negotiations on a treaty banning production of fissile material having military purposes, including possible consideration of material already stockpiled.

3. Assurances to non-nuclear-weapon States

4. Considering that resolution 984 (1995) of the Security Council constitutes a step towards giving security assurances to non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, it is necessary to bear in mind the relevant General Assembly resolutions on the item entitled "Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons".

5. Accordingly, States Parties shall encourage consideration of this item as a matter of priority both in the Security Council and in the General Assembly, with a view to supplementing the necessary assurances to non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, taking into account all the proposals and suggestions that have been made on the subject. In this regard, a legally binding agreement remains the most appropriate option.

4. Safeguards system of the International Atomic Energy Agency

6. It is necessary to bear in mind the importance of strengthening the existing safeguards regime of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the basis of the proposal submitted by the Director General of the Agency, taking into account the relevant comments made by the various States in the Board of Governors of IAEA, and through agreements duly spelling out the powers of IAEA and the obligations of States.

5. Nuclear disarmament

7. Bearing in mind the statements made during the Conference by the nuclear-weapon States, the latter are urged to cease all production of nuclear weapons and to redouble their efforts to reduce their respective arsenals with a view to totally eliminating them.

6. Criteria for strengthening the review mechanism of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

8. Based on the spirit and letter of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, especially article VIII, paragraph 3 thereof, which establishes the possibility of holding conferences to evaluate the Treaty every five years, it is resolved:

To hold conferences every five years, as of this date, with the aim of evaluating the implementation of the Treaty.

To transmit a proposal to the Depositary Governments in order to convene the first such conference in the year 2000, and to do likewise for subsequent meetings.

9. The conferences shall have the following characteristics; they shall:

(a) Retain the structure of the review meetings, by establishing three main committees which shall review how each one of the Treaty's provisions has been implemented and how this can be strengthened, in order to preserve the balance of obligations undertaken in it;

(b) Seek to establish specific objectives so as to attain full compliance with each and every provision of the Treaty and its Preamble, including, whenever possible, by setting goals with specific time-frames;

(c) Establish mechanisms in order to conduct negotiations on specific items between one conference and the next;

(d) As its first task, the conference of the year 2000 shall evaluate compliance with the commitments undertaken at the 1995 Conference and the steps taken to achieve the Treaty's universality.